

SURFWATCH UPDATE

Crime Prevention Workshop

The next Town of Surfside Crime Prevention Workshop will be held on **Wednesday, September 29, 2004, at 6:30 PM.** The 45 minute workshop will be held at the Surfside Municipal Building, located at 9293 Harding Avenue, in the 2nd Floor Training Room. Complimentary coffee and refreshments will be provided.

The workshop will feature a guest speaker, crime prevention strategies, and upcoming community projects. We look forward to facilitating the exchange of ideas and educational opportunities. Lets work together to continue to make Surfside a safe place to live, learn and play.

For more information on available SurfWatch programs, or for a free residential and commercial survey, please contact Lieutenant John Madden or Lieutenant Shawn P. O'Reilly at 305-861-4862. Our e-mail address is: Surfside_pd@the-beach.net. Please visit our website at : www.town.surfside.fl.us

NEWS FROM THE TOURIST BUREAU

ENJOY DANCING SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT**SURFSIDE JUBILEE****SURFSIDE CONCERTS****FEATURE DANCING & ENTERTAINMENT****FREE ADMISSION 7PM - 10PM****SURFSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER,
9301 COLLINS AVENUE****LABOR DAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2004****"SPIRIT OF ALOHA"****POPPY ORCHESTRA FOR YOUR LISTENING AND
DANCING PLEASURE****FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL
(305) 866-3635 OR (305) 864-0722****COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2004 AT 8:00 PM****TOWN COMMISSION**

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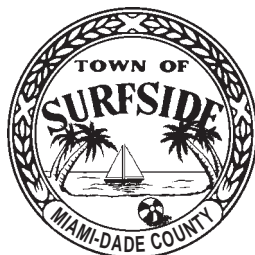
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FROM THE MAYOR'S CORNER

PUBLIC MEETINGS:

First Public Budget Hearing – September 14, 2004 / 7: 00PM

Final Public Budget Hearing – September 22, 2004 / 7:00PM

Dear Surfsiders,

It's back to school and this means that there will be many kids in the street waiting for buses or walking to school before the sun is fully up. Please slow down and drive carefully.

There have been a couple of nasty rumors floating around the Town that I need to terminate. The most suspicious rumor relates to the construction currently occurring at the former Beekman Hotel on the Southeast corner of 95th and Collins Avenue. Usually I disregard this type of ignorance, but the rumor tries to stain the reputations of residents who volunteer without any compensation to serve your Town at the Planning and Zoning Board meeting. The Beekman was built, for whatever reason, in the 1960's, with 11 stories. The zoning of the Beekman site actually permits 12 stories or 120 feet of permissible

height. The new owners requested and were granted, in full accordance with the law, in an absolutely open and well attended public hearing, a 12th floor penthouse. You, as residents, must really consider the motivation and the moral fiber of persons who would publish the type of trash that attempts to defame innocent and well meaning volunteers, as well as, the Town's dedicated staff.

There is a new Town website of which you can be quite proud. The 2005 budget will also include, for the first time, funding for an Information Technology staff person. Over time, the Town Administration will provide to the residents, through the website, the maximum amount of appropriate information. As the website evolves, look to see downloadable forms, building inspection schedules, and, eventually, the processing of credit card payments for fees and utilities. At this time, you can send an electronic message, an

email, to any elected Town official through the website. I read my email almost daily and I respond immediately to most issues.

Finally, a most exciting project: the first engineering assessment has begun to determine new space requirements and the feasibility of renovating the Community Center. I will report more to you as details unfold.

Look for completely new recreational programs and upcoming events by checking the website and this Surfside Gazette.

Tim Will
Your Mayor
surfside@bellsouth.net

Team Surfside

Team Surfside sponsored the planting of the Sand Dune, behind the Community Center on Sunday, August 22, 2004. The environmentalists from DERM (Department of Environmental Resource Management) gave us instructions on how to successfully plant sea oats and has provided us with many little sea oat seedlings to plant in our dune.

LIVING IN A FLOOD HAZARD AREA

LOCAL FLOOD HAZARD - The Town of Surfside has attained a "Class 8" Classification in the Community Rating System (CRS) for establishing flood prevention activities and the continued management of the flood prevention system. Residents may now be entitled to a 10% discount in their flood insurance premiums and 10% discount in subsequent years that the Town maintains participation in the CRS program. The following information is provided to suggest actions, which residents living in a flood hazard area may take to minimize potential flood damage.

FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM - Any substantial flood experienced by Surfside residents will likely come from a hurricane or tropical storm. Since Surfside is on a barrier island, any storm surge is likely to flood coastal, as well as interior properties. Because of this, you should heed all hurricane and tropical storm warnings. These warnings will be broadcast through local television and radio stations, such as WFOR-Channel 4, WTVJ-Channel 6, WSVN-Channel 7, and WPLG-Channel 10, or on radio on WQAM-AM 560 or WIOD-AM610.

FLOOD SAFETY/ PROPERTY PROTECTION - If an evacuation is ordered, you should proceed to rapidly evacuate to a point of safety, such as a County shelter or other prearranged site. Remember that pets are not allowed in public shelters, so special arrangements should be made for them. People with special needs, who are disabled, or under a doctor's care, can register for special assistance with the Miami-Dade County Office of Emergency Management by calling (305)513-7700. Before you evacuate, there are a number of

flood safety precautions to follow. Know appropriate escape routes, turn off your electricity and gas, and close all your windows, doors, and shutters. If you have time, you can move valuables and furniture to elevated areas that are less prone to water damage. Prepare emergency supplies of food, water, medicines, and other personal essentials to have readily available upon evacuation.

FLOOD INSURANCE - In preparation for the hurricane season, you should check that your flood insurance coverage is in effect. Remember that flood damage is not covered by homeowners' normal insurance. For most people, their home and its contents represent their greatest investment. Protect your property by obtaining flood insurance if you have not already done so. Flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program is available and information can be obtained by contacting any licensed property or casualty broker. Also remember that there is normally a 30 day waiting period for the flood insurance to take effect, so do not wait until there is a storm warning to talk to your insurance agent.

DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE- Another way that the Town of Surfside minimizes flood damage is by maintaining its storm drainage system. Please be reminded that it is illegal to dispose debris or yard cuttings into the storm drainage system. The storm drainage system on A1A and 96th Street, installed by the State of Florida, helps to minimize flood damage. Effective maintenance by our Public Works Department, combined with the State of Florida storm drainage system, should minimize potential flood damage.

SURFSIDE COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

1. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town Manager reported on the details of the upcoming Dune Planting Event. He explained that refreshments and hot dogs will be provided for all volunteers. In addition, he explained that all the volunteers should meet at 9:00AM, at the Community Center for the introductory portion of the project. The representatives from DERM will explain the importance of the dune systems and will explain the process of planting Sea Oats. The Town Manager further explained that the entire process, including the introductory components of the project, should take approximately three hours.

The Town Manager explained that this is the initial phase of the project. Further improvements to the dune will include the replacement of the fence with decorative posts with

marine ropes. He explained that this project is at absolutely no cost to the Town residents and that this project is sponsored by DERM.

Mayor Will requested Certificates for Community Hours to be prepared for students participating in the project.

2. The Town Commission did not pass an ordinance on first reading amending the Code of the Town of Surfside by deleting Section 90-183 in its entirety and adopting a new Section 90-183, to be entitled "Fences, Walls and Hedges", providing penalty for violation of the provisions hereof; providing inclusion in the Code; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and providing an effective date. **Vote: 2-3.**

RECREATION NEWS

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES: FREE FOR ADULTS OVER 55 YEARS OLD

NOTE: THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE WILL BE STARTING NEW RECREATION PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT (305) 866-3635.

THE FOLLOWING CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED:

- GYMNASTIC FOR KIDS
- ARTS & CRAFTS FOR KIDS
- YOGA FOR ADULTS
- PILATES FOR ADULTS

THE POOL WILL BE CLOSED FOR REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 20th - OCTOBER 1st . POOL WILL RE-OPEN OCTOBER 2ND, WEATHER PERMITTING

Surfside Family Fun & " Back To School" Drug Awareness Day.

A good time was had by all who attended the event on Sunday, August 8th, 2004.

The program included a water slide, game booths, toddler play center, pony rides, train rides, snow cones and Tae Kwan Do exhibition. A barbeque lunch, t-shirts and DNA test kits for kids was also provided. Music and contests was provided by Rhythm City Productions in addition to arts & crafts under the direction of Cheryl Dusek & Adriana Silva.

